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New technology promises cleaner diesels

An energy and environmental breakthrough by Argonne scientists should lead to cleaner and more efficient diesel engines.

By controlling fuel and oxygen levels in diesel engines, the technique reduces particulate levels and nitrogen oxide emissions. Nitrogen oxide -NOx — is a precursor to ozone and contributes significantly to smog. The breakthrough technology also increases engine power.

Working with partners Electro-Motive Division of General Motors (EMD) and the research arm of the Association of American Railroads (AAR), Argonne's Raj Sekar and Ramesh Poola (both ES) found that changing oxygen levels tion process and lowers emissions. NOx emissions and particulates were reduced significantly.

"The research on controlling emissions is only one part of Argonne's extensive transportation research and development program," said Harvey Drucker, Argonne associate director for energy and environmental science and technology. "This latest innovation should have a tremendous impact because of its widespread applications in the transportation industry."



and engine operating condi- DIESEL DEVELOPMENT - Diesel engines in tions improves the combus- trucks, locomotives and autos could benefit from Argonne's latest technology development effort.

Diesel engines are the most efficient internal combustion engines, but their smoke and particulate emissions have prevented them from becoming a "clean" propulsion system. Interest in Argonne's new technology is further heightened because it is expected to be more cost-effective than alternative exhaust control systems currently being devel-

Funding from the partners and DOE's Energy Research/Laboratory Technology Research Program provided the resources for the breakthrough.

EMD also has a multi-year contract with Argonne's Transportation Technology R&D Center to improve the performance and emissions of its new four-stroke, 6,000-horsepower, direct-injection diesel locomotive "H-engine."

The new technology sprang from Argonne's new Transportation Technology R&D Center, dedicated Sept. 25 by Energy Secretary Bill Richardson. The center brings together scientists and engineers from both the public and private sectors and many disciplines to find costeffective solutions to the problems of transportation. Research at the center ranges from alternative-fuel vehicles to intelligent transportation systems to vehicle recycling.

The Transportation Technology R&D Center at Argonne works closely with DOE's Office of Transportation Technology in the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles — a government/industry initiative to create cleaner cars that operate at 80 miles per gallon — and the truck research program. Diesel engines in both trucks and autos could benefit from Argonne's latest technology development effort.

— Evelyn Brown

Britannica Online now available to employees

The online version of the Encyclopedia Britannica is now available to Argonne employees



who use the World Wide Web.

Access to the Britannica Online is through the Argonne Information Management (AIM) system, a service of the Information and Publishing Division.

The Britannica Online is at http://www.ipd.anl.gov/aim.The AIM system home page offers two routes to the Britannica:

■ Under ALEC (Argonne Libraries Electronic Catalog), search the title Britannica On-

■ Select "General Reference and Multidisciplinary" under "Resources on the Internet."

A link to the Britannica Online also appears on the Argonnet home page: http://www.anl.gov/ OPA/argonnet/.

Argonne's subscription to Britannica Online is available to employees at both Argonne-East and Argonne-West. Employees who have difficulty connecting should contact any of the Argonne libraries for assistance.

Rab Malhotra earns federal energy honor

Rabinder (Rab) Malhotra,



Malhotra

acting director of Plant Facilities and Services, has been selected to receive a 1998 Federal Energy and Water Management Award.

The award recognizes efforts by federal and contractor employees to save energy, reduce the federal deficit and promote a cleaner environment. It is presented by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Interagency Energy Policy Committee.

Malhotra's 20-year career at Argonne includes increasing responsibility for identification of energy conservation opportunities, development of studies and funding proposals and the implementation of funded projects. The award cites his exceptional strategic energy management, which allowed the lab to achieve all energy goals and obtain favorable electric energy rates.

Malhotra will be honored at a congressional reception Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. He will receive his award at a luncheon ceremony the following day at the National Press Club.

Blood drive to be held in three locations

LifeSource will conduct its annual fall blood drive at Argonne-East on Monday, Oct. 26, at three locations: Building 617 (Exchange Club), and in mobile collection vans in the parking lots of Building 203 and 301

For a donation form, call the Medical Department at ext. 2-2803.

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Seminar provides tactics for successful projects

Successful Project Management will be the topic of a Human Resources seminar (HR 241) at Argonne-East Dec. 14-15.

The seminar, to be presented by Arnold Ruskin in cooperation with the California Institute of Technology Industrial Relations Center, is designed to help employees develop the insights and skills necessary to effectively manage large and small projects, design efforts, field studies, laboratory investigations, major maintenance efforts, and software development.

Participants will learn how to define, plan and assign work; obtain meaningful commitments; manage risk; monitor and evaluate results, and correct mistakes within approved budgets and schedules.

The cost is \$650 per person for the two-day seminar, based on an enrollment of 20 participants. The course will be offered on-site in the Argonne Guest House.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Oct. 28. Enroll through a division Training Management System representative.

For more information, call John Hyzer (HR) at ext. 2-3410.

Ar'Gang

NEW ARRIVALS

A girl, Miya Nicole, born August 5 to Tanya and Mike Gomberg (MCS); a boy, Drake Sean, born August 22 to Heather and Tom Taxon (DIS-ACAG); a boy, Brett Allen, born July 8 to Jeanne and Bruce Jensen (OP); twin boys, Kyle and Jared, born August 15 to Leigh and Michael **Anderson** (OP); a boy, Bryne John, born August 4 to DeAun and Ron Tollner (CMT); a girl, Laurel Anne, born August 5 to first-time parents Terri and Candido Pereira (CMT); a boy, Michael Casey, born to Mary Beth and Rob Piorkowski (EMO); a boy, Aaron Asher, born August 8 to Colleen and Dean Wyncott (ASD); a girl, Katherine Mae, born August 8 to Dave Lichty (ASD).

Proud grandparents: a grand-daughter, Cara Rae Potts, born June 25 for **Faith Ruppert** (RE); a grandson, James Walter, born August 14 for Jerry and **Diana Grygiel** (ESH).

ACHIÉVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Fred Yapuncich** (NT) who passed the
Professional Engineering Examination in the area of Mechanical
Engineering and will be licensed in the state of Idaho. Congratulations to **Ray Klann** (NT) on receiving his PhD. **Paul Vanderwall** after making a "Hole in One" at a golf outing held at the Glenn Eagle
Golf Club sponsored by the St.
Cyril Methodina Church.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to **Dawn R. Rees,** Engineering Services De-

partment Manager, Argonne-West, wed Sept. 12 to Richard Fringley, Karen Towes (NT) on her marriage to Blaine Hirsche. Mark Kamiya (EMO) and Corrie Patterson (TD) were married on July 26. George Carter (PFS-CU) on his marriage to Brena Susanna Campos on August 1. Gary Turpin (PFS-DR) and Mona Beavers (PFS-MAT) were married on August 29.

GET WELL

Get well wishes for **Katie Dimick** (ED) who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

WELCOME

MCS Steven welcomes Benson, John Bresnahan, Henrik Nordborg and Cheryl Zidel. DIS-SSG welcomes Kimberly Hausknecht. NT welcomes Steve Sherman. RPS welcomes Tehren C. Killpack. ED welcomes Laura B. Cotton, Linda A. Heilig, Gerald F. Olsen, Yeon Soo Kim and Wharton Sinkler. OD welcomes John G. Lathouris, Eric Papaioannou and Anita Wanstrom. MSD welcomes Kotaro Ono, Takeshi Soeda, Robert Fenollosa, Ralph Vogelgesang, Nancy Sanchez and Jenny Crones.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to **Vicki Jennings** (PFS-CU) who returned to work after an illness.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to **Pat** Canaday (OPA) on the death of her mother-in-law; **June** Townsend (ESH) on the death of her mother; **Ken Bateman** (NT)

on the death of his mother; **Connie** (OP) and **Bob Tessmer** (OP) on the death of Connie's mother; **Peggy Hanny** (OP) on the death of her grandmother; **Larry Jensen** (ED) on the death of his father; **Richelle Walker** (RPS) on the death of her grandfather; **James Bulka** (ECT-EE) on the death of his father; **Yvette Woell** (IPD-TIS) on the death of her mother-in-law; **Irving Vaughn** (EMO-WM) on the death of his mother.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to **Bob Benedict** the new Division Director for Nuclear Technology. **Paul Henslee** is the new Associate Division Director for Nuclear Technology.

TRANSITIONS

Good luck to **Phillip Finck** who transferred from RA to TD; **Scott Pinkerton** who transferred from DIS-ACAG; **Grant McClellan** who transferred from OD to NT; **Marla Harms** who transferred from HR to PFS-SP.

${\bf FAREWELL}$

Good luck to **Pat Scholz** (DISACAG) who has left the laboratory.

CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to this issue's contributors: Judy Beumer (MCS); Barbara Burke (ECT); Loretta Cescato (CMT); Bonnie Gianpetro (EMO); Diana Grygiel (ESH); Barbara Hall (APS); Eileen Johnson (RA); Sheila Jungman (MSD); Karen Kroczek (PFS); Dolores Lagerquist (ERA); Cathy Nelson (IPD-TIS); Jean Slater (DIS); and Kim Tomasko (RE).

Household hazardous waste to be collected

A household hazardous waste collection will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Darien Business Center, 8245 S. Lemont Road.

Employees can bring residential waste that is poisonous, flammable, corrosive or reactive for proper disposal.

Acceptable waste includes paint, cleaning solvents, household batteries, motor oil and other automotive fluids, driveway sealer and lawn and garden chemicals.

Unacceptable waste includes business and agricultural wastes, radioactive wastes (including smoke detectors), auto batteries, ammunition, explosives and propane tanks.

The event is sponsored by the DuPage County Solid Waste Department and hosted by the City of Darien. The Argonne Waste Minimization and Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee will provide volunteer support. For more information on this or similar events in the area, call Argonne's Pollution Prevention Hotline at ext. 2-6778.

Cleanup walk set for Oct. 23

Environmentally minded Argonne employees are invited to take part in a cleanup walk on Friday, Oct. 23, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Participants will meet at Westgate and remove trash along Lemont Road. Bottled water and other refreshments will be provided for clean-up walk volunteers, courtesy of Marriott Corp.

The walk is sponsored by the Argonne Club and the Waste Minimization and Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee.

To volunteer, or for more information, call Keith Trychta at ext. 2-1476 or the Waste Management and Pollution Prevention hotline at ext. 2-6778.



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Seminars

Send seminar listings to Evie Fagan, Building 201, Room 2U-09 (OPA-201). Deadline is 5 p.m. Monday. Seminar listings *only* can be sent by e-mail to efagan@anl.gov.

Argonne-West

Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 20 & 21

Office of the Director Seminar: **"EBR-II Design"** by Len Koch, Project Director for the Design and Construction of EBR-II, Tucson, Ariz. 8 a.m., Lab & Office Bldg., Conference Room 752.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

RPS Human Resources Seminar: **"Understanding the New Demographics"** by Marilyn Moates Kennedy, Career Strategies, Chicago, Ill. 8 a.m., Lab & Office Bldg., Conference Room 752.

Tuesday Nov. 10

RPS Human Resources Seminar: **"Human Resources Policy & Procedures Training"** by Ryan Tew, Human Resources Specialist, ANL-W. 8 a.m., Lab & Office Bldg., Conference Room 752.

Argonne-East

Monday, Oct. 19

Reactor Engineering Division Seminar: "Multidimensional Modeling of Intense Multiphase Interactions" by Viet Anh Bui, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. 10:30 a.m., Bldg. 208, Conference Room C234.

Chemistry Division Monday Morning Seminar Series: "Genesis Mission: Return of Solar Matter to Earth" by Donald Burnett, Department of Geological and Planetary Sciences, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. 11 a.m., Bldg. 200 Auditorium.

Materials Science Division Seminar: **"Amplitude Fluctuations at the Superconductor Insulator Transition"** by James Valles, Jr., Physics Department, Brown University, Providence, R.I. 11 a.m., Bldg. 223, Conference Room S105.

High Energy Physics Division Theoretical Physics Seminar: **"Electroweak Symmetry Breaking from Top Quark Dynamics"** by Bogdan Dobrescu, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, Ill. 2 p.m., Bldg. 362, Conference Room E188.

Physics Division Seminar: "Nuclear Excitation by Electronic Transition ... NEET!!" by Donald S. Gemmell, (PHY). 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 203, Conference Room R150.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Physics Division Theoretical Physics Seminar: **"The Heavy Top Quark and Flavor-Universal Colorons"** by Elizabeth Simmons, Boston University, Mass. 10:30 a.m., Bldg. 203, Conference Room B221.

Energy Technology Division Seminar: **"Tribological Performance of Reactively Sputtered Single- and Multi-Layer Chromium Nitride Thin Films"** by Suzanne Rohde, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. 10:30 a.m., Bldg. 212, Conference Room A157.

Chemistry Division Seminar: **Multigrid Methods in Density Functional Theory**" by Thomas L. Beck, Department of Chemistry, University of Cincinnati, Ohio. 11 a.m., Bldg. 200, Conference Room J183.

Intense Pulsed Neutron Source Division Seminar: "Testing Ab Initio Methods with IINS Spectra: n-Alkanes and Hydrogen Bonded Peptides" by Bruce S. Hudson, Department of Chemistry, Syracuse University, N.Y. 1:30 p.m., Bldg. 360, Conference Room A224.

Special Physics Division Seminar: "Physics in the Park — Taking Science to the Public" by Ronen Mir, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel. 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 203, Conference Room R150.

Thursday, Oct. 22

Experimental Facilities Division Seminar: **"Template-Induced Crystal Growth"** by John W. White, Research School of Chemistry, The Australian National University, Canberra. 4 p.m., Bldg. 401, Conference Room A1100.

Friday, Oct. 23

Physics Division Colloquium: **"Equivalence Principle Tests and Planck-scale Physics"** by Eric Adelberger, University of Washington, Seattle. 11 a.m., Bldg. 203 Auditorium.

Special Physics Division Seminar: **"b-Neutrino Correlation in the Superallowed Decays of 32Ar and 33Ar"** by Eric Adelberger, University of Washington, Seattle. 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 203, Conference Room R150.

Monday, Oct. 26

Chemistry Division Monday Morning Seminar Series: **"Electron Interactions with Solid Surfaces: From the Astrophysical to the Atomic Scale"** by Thomas M. Orlando, Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory, Pacific Northwest National Laboratories, Richland, Wash. 11 a.m., Bldg. 200 Auditorium.

Additional seminars appear on the Argonne News World Wide Web site: http://www.anl.gov/news.html

Retirees

Retirees for Aug. and September include:

Larry J. Duncan (ED) retired Aug. 20 with 31 years of service.

Donald A. Gacek (TD-DES) retired Aug. 28 with 33 years of service.

Robert F. Giese (ES) retired Sept. 15 with 25 years of service.

John D. Gonczy (CMB) retired Aug. 11 with 30 years of service.

Vivian Granat (ERA) retired Sept. 4 with 31 years of service.

Joe Dell Heileson (OD) retired Sept. 25 with 32 years of service.

Thomas F Kassner (ET) retired Aug. 31 with 36 years of service.

Charles F. Konicek (ET) retired Sept. 30 with 38 years of service.

In Young Lee (ER) retired Sept. 30 with 19 years of service.

Peter C. Lindahl (CMT-AC) retired Sept. 18 with 14 years of service.

Dan Meisel (CHM)retired Aug. 31 with 22 years of service

Sally A. Moll (ET) retired Sept. 30 with 27 years of service.

Kenneth W. Poupa (OCF-SPM) retired Sept. 30 with 31 years of service.

John Rusnak (TD) retired Aug. 18 with 38 years of service

Vipinchandra L. Shah (ET) retired Sept. 30 with 20 years of service.

M. G. Srinivasan (RE) retired Sept. 15 with 24 years of service.

Peter Turula (ET) retired Sept. 30 with 25 years of service.

Reset clocks on Oct. 25

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Oct. 25. Clocks should be reset one hour earlier.



Classified Ads

MISCELLANEOUS

FREEZER — Upright, 21 cu. in., white, Westinghouse. \$100. Midge Urban, (815) 436-5140.

SKIS AND BOOTS — Cross-country, Fisher skis & poles. \$25. Fisher boots, men's size 10.5, excellent condition. \$25. Tom Zinneman, (815) 467-6423.

BRACELETS — 2, solid 22 kt bangle bracelets, 21.4 grams. \$500. Nahed Guirguis, (630) 887-9526.

FERRETS — 2, female ferrets, 2 years old, neutered & scent glands removed, well behaved & gentle, perfect w/children. \$40/each o.b.o. Dave Carter, (630) 226-1660.

MISCELLANEOUS — Electrolux canister vacuum w/power sweeper. \$75. Sunbeam mixmaster. \$20. Barbara Meurer, (815) 725-1258.

LAMP — Halogen floor lamp, Torchiere w/attached reading lamp. \$10. Liz Ybarra, (630) 435-1882.

RECORDS — Old records from Sweden, 78 rpm, good condition. Price open. Bev Maske, (630) 910-6444.

SWEATERS — Men's sweaters, new & like new, size medium, cardigan & pull over styles. 6 for \$25. Must take all 6. Sandy Gotlund, (630) 257-5558

BEANIE BABIES — Erin the Bear. \$45. Princess to Bear. \$45. Jabber the parrot. \$15. Xiao Fen Yang, (630) 654-4668.

MISCELLANEOUS—Natural weight loss/management kits. Chinese wedding bed (circa Japanese occupation), Akio ceramic sculpture, Eastern flat weave room rug, thousands of beads w/jewelry making supplies. Steve Armstrong, (708) 246-9336.

BEANIE BABIES — Bongo, Chip & Curly. \$7. Valentino. \$9. Retired: Blackie, Blizzard, Daisy, Ears, Gracie. \$8. Cubbie & Goldie. \$15. Hoot. \$17. Baldy. \$10. Many more available, reasonable prices. Sharon Cleary, (630) 778-8754.

BEDS—Simmons maxipedic, queen w/steel frame. Sealy posterpedic, twin without frame. Best offer. Mark Kamiya, (630) 850-7558.

BACKHOE — Case 580C, construction King backhoe, well cared for, new tires, 2 new batteries, new hydraulic lines, 1 bucket, 2 sizes of backhoes. \$18,000 o.b.o. Sandra Tollaksen, (630) 897-2339.

WORD PROCESSOR — Monitor & keyboard, spell check, manual, 1 year old, mint condition, great for college student. \$125. Yvonne Callans, (815) 723-4495.

AUTOMOBILES

1989 BMW — 325I, red, 2-door, 75K miles, sunroof, 6 cyl., excellent condition. \$8,000 o.b.o. M. Spaletto, (630) 910-1293.

Classified ad request forms are available in stockrooms, at the Office of Public Affairs in Building 201, and at Argonne-West's Building 752, Room D109. The old half-sheet forms are acceptable, but note that the deadline is incorrect. Deadline for classified ads is **5 p.m. Monday.**

Requests can be submitted by fax to ext. 2-5274, or by inter-office mail to Evie Fagan, Building 201, Room 2U-09 (OPA-201). A drop-off box is located at the Argonne News office, Building 201, room 2Q-02 and at 2U-09.

Request forms must be signed and must include a home phone number. Ads cannot be accepted by phone or electronic mail. Please limit ads to 25 words; longer ads may be edited. Housing listed for sale or rent is available without regard to race, creed, color or national origin.

Argonne-West employees are welcome to submit classified ads to *Argonne News*. Request forms are available at the office of Argonne-West Correspondent Gaylene Flores, Building 752. When completed, fax the request form to the *Argonne News* office at (630) 252-5274.

1988 CHEVROLET — Spectrum, 4-door, AT, AC, needs \$150 in exhaust work, otherwise runs great. \$500. Heidi Hartmann, (630) 832-4158.

1990 TOYOTA — Corolla DX, loaded, well maintained, alarm system, new tires, new muffler & exhaust system, AC, AM/FM cassette radio, highway miles, excellent condition. \$4,500. Nahed Guirguis, (630) 887-9526.

1996 PLYMOUTH — Neon, 4-door sedan, AC, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, 3-speed, AT, 31K miles. \$17,500 o.b.o. John Kennedy, (630) 852-4415.

1991 NISSAN — 240 SX, misty blue/gray, excellent condition, 75K miles, AC, AM/FM radio, cassette player, 5-speed manual transmission, new tires. \$5,700. Nadine Kijak, (312) 588-0628.

1984 CHEVROLET — Caprice wagon, 130K miles, new battery, alternator, radiator, break lines, tires & brakes 1 year old, runs well, looks not so good. \$700. Laura Norisco, (630) 257-5324.

1986 CHEVROLET — Cavalier, station wagon, blue, one year old front tires, runs well. \$450 o.b.o. Francesca Borasi or f-borasi@mwu.edu.

1995 TOYOTA — SR5, 4-runner, 5-speed, loaded, original owner, 32K miles, will sell \$1,000 under dealer price. Richard Pagel, (630) 960-9016.

1990 BUICK — LeSabre Limited, maroon, 4-door, fully equipped, AC, very good condition. \$3,200 o.b.o. Thomas Burt, (630) 241-2596.

1988 FORD — Tempo, good body, many new parts, engine problem – may not be serious. Best offer. J. Jellinek, (773) 477-9958.

HOUSING

HOUSE/SALE — 8315 Helen Court, Downers Grove, IL., 10 minutes from lab., 2-story, 3,250 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on second floor, kitchen w/dinette, family room, formal dining room, living room, bath on main floor, finished basement. \$244,900. John Hansen, (208) 523-4445

HOUSE/SALE—Great starter home, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1-car attached garage, Plainfield schools, \$67,000. Gloria Griparis, (815) 436-4980 – after 6 p.m. weekdays.

HOUSE/RENT — 2 bedrooms, Dwight, porch, refrigerator, range, AC, basement, 2-car garage w/workspace, no pets. Lease, references & deposit required. \$475/month. Loren Knoblich, (815) 942-2450.

HOUSE/SALE — T-raised ranch, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 kitchens, living room, dining room, family room w/fireplace, 2-car attached garage, close to lab, 6008 Tyler Dr., Woodridge. \$169,900. Richard Rauba, (630) 969-1426.

HOUSE/SALE — Very well kept, 3 bedrooms, Lemont. \$174,900. Maria Addison, (630) 257-0092 or http://www.cbhonig-bell.com/homesrch.htm.

LOST

EARRINGS — Pair of gold earrings w/crystal, for pierced ears, lost Sat., Oct. 10, sentimental value. Arias, page (312) 514-1955.

WANTED

ROOMMATE — To share comfortably furnished 3-bedroom apartment, close to lab., Woodridge, Nov. 1st occupancy. \$435/month. Kumar Sharma, (630) 252-8321 or email: sharma@physics.umanitoba.ca.

FAX MACHINE — Reasonable. Evie Fagan, (630) 960-5563.

CONTACT — Person who phoned Todd Trotter regarding rental of timeshare in Austria. Has lost number. Todd Trotter, (630) 261-9750.

TRUCK — 4 x 4 pick-up truck w/plow. Under \$5,000. Linda Shoudis, (630) 971-8619.

TO BE GIVEN AWAY

KITTEN — Calico kitten, about 10 weeks old. Neil MacDonald, (708) 460-9607.

Idaho reader snaps back on turtle story

A recent letter to the Argonne News contained the following poem attached to the clipping of an Aug. 3 story about a group of employees who rescued a snapping turtle from an Argonne-East roadway.

There was no return address, although it was postmarked in Pocatello, Idaho.

Perhaps I will be seen as being politically incorrect

And maybe environmentally incorrect as well,

Hell, maybe judged as anti-multicultural-whatever,

But the snapping turtle has only one value

And that is discovered amidst a multi-flavored soup.

In life, the snapper has no redeeming feature,

None, none, none whatever.

To those who would worry about a flattened snapper

Because it paused in the middle of the road,

Test it. Hit one at 50 mph in your sporty red Chevy.

Mr. Snapper will survive well. You may not.

Save your teary goo-goo eyes for a species

Ofless incarnate, unyielding evil. If he bobbed his head as he left, he was probably saying,

"If only I could had gotten a taste of your index finger."

Yours in search of common sense, Four-finger Jake

